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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

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Tomoo Kimura et al.

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Examiner: Annette M. THOMPSON

For: CIRCUIT OPERATION VERIFYING METHOD AND APPARATUS

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 14, 2004, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire July 14, 2004, and a petition for a one-month extension of time up to and including August 14, 2004 (Saturday) being filed concurrently herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows: